rights under the so called democracy in this State. The Government have not come out with a statement or given an assurance even now that they are going to respect them at all. Today is the last non-official day. Let not the Government believe that if there is no opposition it will be an easy walk-over for them. Let not anybody be under the misapprehension that we will not be here to do our duty to the people and to ourselves. With these words we stage a walk out.

(*The Opposition Members then withdrew from the House*).

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11 A.M.

NON-OFFICIAL RESOLUTION

Prayer before commencement of Proceedings.

Mr. SPEAKER.—We have to proceed with the Resolution of Sri Siddalingaiya. Hon'ble the Law Minister will have to speak on the question of admissibility. I have to decide whether it is admissible.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA (Minister for Law, Labour and Local Self-Government).—I will appeal to him to withdraw the resolution.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I want to know at this stage, if the Hon'ble Member Sri Siddalingaiya is going to withdraw the resolution as suggested by the Law Minister. If he is going to press the resolution, I have to give my ruling on the question of admissibility.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA (Gubbi).—When there is a point of order, why should the Chair ask Sri Siddalingaiya to withdraw the resolution, Sir? To withdraw or not to withdraw is left to his discretion. The Chair has to give a ruling on the question of admissibility.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Hon'ble Member is going to withdraw the resolution, there is no point in giving my ruling. There are two courses open. One is to give my ruling on the question of admissibility in the first instance. But supposing, at this stage itself, Sri Siddalingaiya wants to withdraw the resolution, it obviates my ruling and I need not give any ruling on the point. I heard the Hon'ble Law Minister saying that it was possible that Sri Siddalingaiya might withdraw his resolution at this stage. If he is not willing to withdraw it, I will have to give my ruling.

Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—Sir, I had a talk with Sri Siddalingaiya on this point. His object in bringing this resolution is to bring to the attention of the Members of the House the necessity for higher values of life. And I think it would best serve this purpose if we discuss this matter and subsequnently, the views of the Members of this House may be ascertained and he be requested to withdraw.

Sri C. J. MUCKANNAPPA.—Then what happens to the point of order raised?

Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF (Broadway).—Sir, yesterday, my friend Sri Siddalingaiya moved his resolution and that resolution was discussed and during the course of the discussion, a point was raised as to whether there was anything in the resolution which militates against the Constitution.....

Mr. SPEAKER.—He moved the resolution and it was proposed to the House and immediately the point of order was raised. There was no discussion on the subject.

Sri MAHMOOD SHARIFF.—Is it the occasion to ask him to withdraw?

Mr. SPEAKER.—I have not asked him to withdraw but would like to know what he desires to do. It is all right. I will give the ruling.

After considering thoughtfully about the admissibility of the resolution, I have come to the conclusion that the Resolution is admissible. After all, looking to the resolution, Hon'ble Members will see that it is only a prayer. Even if it is taken as an oath, it is not an oath against the Constitution. It is not in contravention of the oath that we have taken in respect of